



Clean and Efficient Heating Tips

Burning dry fuelwood can save money and protect you and your family's health. A properly installed and operated wood-burning stove should produce little smoke.

- Start a small fire with dry kindling then add a few pieces of wood.
- Give the fire plenty of air fully open the air controls until the fire is roaring.
- Burn the fire to heat the flue before adding more wood.
- Keep space between the fuelwood as you add more to the fire.
- Avoid burning garbage, treated lumber, or saltwater driftwood. Burning these items can damage your stove and can be dangerous to your health.
- Have your stove and chimney professionally inspected and serviced yearly if possible.
- If available, refer to your owner's manual for start-up guidelines.
- A smoldering fire or "dirty" glass doors are signs that the fire needs more air or your wood is too moist.

Tips provided by: www.epa.gov/burnwise

It is also important to burn dry (low moisture content) properly split wood in your stove. Wood should be stacked under cover for at least 6 months before burning. Otherwise most of the heat generated by the fire will go to driving the moisture away from the wood in the firebox rather than heating your house.

FIND A CQP-CERTIFIED FUELWOOD PROVIDER NEAR YOU:

Forestry Works - New Salem, MA 01355

(978) 544-5144 treeworks1@yahoo.com

Heyes Forest Products - Orange, MA 01364

(978) 544-8801 www.heyесforest.com

John Conkey & Sons Logging, Inc. - Belchertown, MA 01007

(413) 323-7120 jstopnotch@aol.com

Lashway Lumber - Williamsburg, MA 01096

(413) 268-7685 www.lashwayusa.com

Roberts Brothers Lumber Co Inc. - Ashfield, MA 01330

(413-)628-3333 robtlbr@yahoo.com

Rocky Mountain Wood Company - Wilbraham MA 01095

(413) 596-2348 www.rockymountainwood.com

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(508) 963-2070 www.tjepsonandson.com

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Local Fuelwood

*How to: find, store, and burn
Sustainably Harvested Fuelwood
for warmth and enjoyment*



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Look for it. Count on it. Ask for it. Enjoy it.

WHAT MAKES FUELWOOD SUSTAINABLE?

- Fuelwood is a locally produced renewable resource harvested to allow remaining trees to grow stronger, enhancing wildlife habitat quality, and improving recreational opportunities.
- Commonwealth Quality producers pledge that their product is made using Best Management Practices to protect soil and water quality.



WHY HEAT WITH WOOD?

Cost Effective: Dollar-for-dollar, you can get more heat from wood than most alternatives.

Efficient: With modern EPA-certified stoves, fuelwood burns cleaner, meaning you can get more heat from less wood.

Abundant: With over 3 million acres of forest and nearly 90 million urban trees, Massachusetts is home to over a dozen tree species which make excellent fuelwood.

Local: Fuelwood is typically sold within a day's drive of where it was grown. This keeps money you spend on energy in your community.

Get the most heat for your dollar!



Splitting wood by hand is a great way to stay active and save money. Many CQP timber harvesters sell fuelwood in full log length. Don't skimp on splitting, smaller pieces dry faster and burn more efficiently.



Stack wood in a place that is out of the weather and promotes good airflow to speed drying. Be sure to stack your wood a few inches above ground or concrete to prevent the fuelwood from pulling moisture from the surface.



Drying is critical for maximizing heat and burning wood safely. When buying wood look for end cracking and that it makes a hollow sound when two pieces are hit together. When in doubt check with a moisture meter to see if is less than 20%.



Its time to sit back and enjoy the warmth of locally grown energy. Every stove or heater is different. Read the instructions for your appliance before starting. Also refer to our clean heat tips on the following page.

LOOKING FOR FUELWOOD? Check out the list of CQP fuelwood producers on the back of this brochure!
Visit our website, www.thecqp.com/forest, to find CQP fuelwood near you!

KEEP OUR TREES HEALTHY!

- Be on the lookout for invasive insects when you go out to your woodpile. Asian Longhorned Beetle and Emerald Ash Borer are found in Massachusetts and pose serious health threats to our forests.
- You can help slow the spread of harmful insects by making sure never to bring fuelwood from home when camping.
- For more information on invasives go to: www.dontmovefirewood.org



NOTE: Always get a receipt for your wood! In Massachusetts the seller, by law must provide you with a sales invoice, which includes the name and address of the seller and the purchaser, the date delivered, and the price of the quantity of wood delivered.